

EDUCATION BOARD DONATES \$30,000 FOR
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NEW YORK—The General Education Board has appropriated \$30,000 to the Boy Scouts of America for a three-year project to carry the programs of Scouting to more Negro boys, it has been announced by Elbert K. Fretwell, chief Scout executive.

This was in addition to \$17,500 granted by the board in 1941, which made possible the employment of Negro field executive by 36 local Scout councils in the South.

Any local scout council in the South wishing to employ a Negro field executive or add an additional one to its staff may receive a grant from the General Education Board Fund. One-third of the field executive's salary and traveling expenses will come from the fund if one-third is provided by Negroes and one-third by white persons in the community, or if the last two third is provided by the Community Chest or War Chest.

MORE EMPLOYED

This program makes possible the employment of thirty to forty additional Negro field executives who will devote their full time to the organization and supervision of Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Senior Units, the recruiting and training of suitable volunteer leaders and the supervision of camps and other Scout activities.

Since the 1941 grant Negro participation in Scouting has increased to a membership of over 100,000 boys and adult leaders.

"Experience shows," says Dr. Stanley A. Harris, national director of the interracial service of the Boy Scouts, "that Negroes are very much interested in their boys willing to sacrifice so that their boys may have Scouting, and that the white men on Boy Scout Executive Boards in the South are tremendously interested in seeing this character education program of Scouting extended to more Negro boys."

Negro Family In Bayside Wins Aid Against Bias

BAYSIDE, L. I., Aug. 6.—The Bayside Citizens' Group for Legislative Action yesterday started action to reinstate Harry Buffins, Jr., as a Boy Scout. Buffins was expelled as a result of pressure on the Scout denominations have been invited to participate.

The Bayside Citizens' group, with 8 Negro and white residents, will work to set up a permanent interracial and interfaith council to aid the Buffins family.

The Buffins moved to Bayside about two and one-half years ago. Hostility met their every effort to build a normal life for themselves and their two children, Harry, Jr., and Bruce. About four months after they moved to Bayside, a committee, including F. Lloyd Barry, lawyer and Maj. William Triggs of the Salvation Army, called and offered them "a substantial sum" of money for their home. They refused to sell.

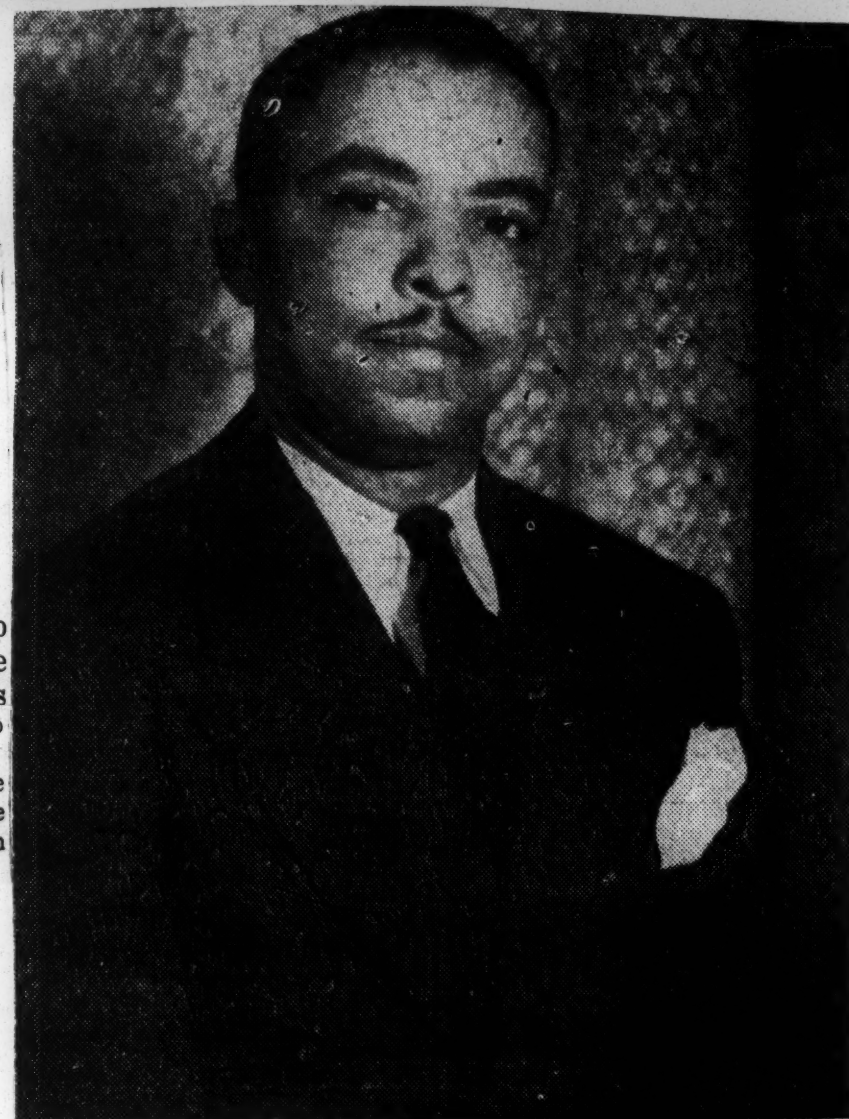
Hostile neighbors started a campaign against them, saying they were trying to force themselves into a "white neighborhood." Some of the people on the block intimidated the children, calling them "niggers" and "black boys."

When Harry was expelled from the Boy Scout Troop he was heartbroken, and begged his mother to do something about it. She felt it was better to let it drop. Later, however, she realized that was a mistake. She realized you have to fight that sort of thing or it will grow.

With the help of some of the people of the community, the Buffins began their fight.

In the Citizens' Committee are four ministers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Society of Friends, Mrs. Phyllis Silverman, Mr. Irving Adler and others. Churches of all

The majority of the people of the community are not opposed to the Buffins. Most of them can be drawn into helping the citizens' group.



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Emmett Rice, Jr., well known former public school teacher here, was appointed Field Scout Executive for the Seminole Division of the Chickasaw Council, BSA, it was learned this week.

Mr. Rice is a native Memphian, a graduate of Booker Washington High School and Morehouse College in 1939. He is an active member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, one of the leaders of the local Youth Program. He organized Troop 144, while teaching at Leath School.

While in California, Mr. Rice was a student at the University of Southern California, and Field Ranger for the Woodcraft Rangers of America. The Woodcraft Rangers is a member of the Council of Social Agencies of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Rice will leave Memphis in October to attend the National Training School in New York City in preparation for his Boy Scout work here.



AWARDED HIGHEST BOY SCOUT HONOR — Dr. Kelsey L. PHARR, noted business man, philanthropist and chairman of Miami Fla., who has just been awarded the Silver Beaver, the "most noble" award within the

gift of the "Boy Scouts of America." The award was made because of his unceasing activities in behalf of the youth of the race. (ANP) (Atlanta, Ga.)

Boy Scout Camp

At Tuskegee *The Weekly Herald Birmingham*
11-3-45
 TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —

Boy Scout Troops from Wetumpka, Montgomery, Tallahassee and Tuskegee camped at Atkins Lake about two miles from Tuskegee Institute, during the week. The camp closed Saturday. Activities of the Scouts included Axemanship, Fire Building, Knotting, Rope-splicing, Swimming and Handicrafts. Using flint and steel in the Fire Building Contest, a state record of six second was set.

The Scouting program was set up with Merritt L. Pace, Troop 82 Wetumpka, serving as Camp Director. He was assisted by W. L. DuBose, Council Field Commissioner, and William H. Edwards, Scout Executive, both of Montgomery.

The Division of Aeronautics of Tuskegee Institute gave its support to the youthful group by making a contribution of \$62.00 to the Building Fund and delegated State Waltz and Alexander Wilkerson, flight instructors at Moton Field, as life guards for the six day program. Both are Eagle Scouts. They were assisted by Frank Wade, student at Tuskegee Institute. *9-22-45*

Others assisting in the Boy Scout Camp were Milton P. Crenshaw, Squadron Commander at Moton Field; William Wiley, Chairman of the Boy Scout Activities Committee; Captain R. L. Dickson of the Veterans Administration, an Eagle Scout and holder of 63 merit badges; Charles G. Bevans, Deputy Scout Commissioner, Tuskegee Institute; Rev. Frank P. Churchill, Boy Scout Commissioner, Montgomery; Capt. R. S. Darnaby, Secretary Scout Activities Committee, Tuskegee Institute; Coach Ross Owen, Department of Physical Education, Tuskegee Institute, directed the swimming activities, and Dr. John W. Chenault, Medical Director of Tuskegee Institute, served as medical examiner and adviser for the group.

On Wednesday evening the Scouts were the guest of the Britton G. McKenzie Post No. 150 of the American Legion. Cleve L. Abbott, Commander, at a motion picture in Logan Hall of the Campus of Tuskegee Institute. *9-22-45*

Members of the camp voted commendation and thanks to Mr. George Reed for the meritorious service which he rendered.

Carnegie Appropriates \$25,000 For Scouts

Atlanta Daily World
11-3-45
 NEW YORK (SNS)—The Carnegie Corporation of New York has appropriated \$25,000 to the Boy Scouts of America to help bring the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programs to more Negro boys in the South it was announced by Dr. Stanley A. Harris, National Director of the Interracial Service of the Boy Scouts of America. This fund, he said, will help Boy Scout Councils to purchase campsites on which Negro boys may camp. *11-3-45*

"This gift," said Dr. Harris, "supplements a grant of \$30,000 given to us last June by the General Education Board. The \$3,000 grant was to help us obtain men for full time professional service as Field Executives. The new \$25,000 grant will help us obtain camps where the outdoor program of Scouting may be carried on."

FUND PROVISION

Any Scout Council in the South needing a Negro Field Executive or a campsites for Negro boys may obtain a grant up to \$1,000 in each case, provided the white citizens of the community contribute one third of the needed funds and the Negroes of the community also contribute the remaining one-third.

A similar grant made by the General Education Board in 1941 resulted in the employment of nearly 50 additional Negro Field Executives. These new funds will help make possible the employment of 35 additional Negro Field Executives and the purchase and development of 25 campsites.

"Great progress is being made," said Dr. Harris, "in bringing this very helpful program of civic and moral education to Negro boys. Last year our Negro membership passed the 100,000 mark. Region Six, comprising North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, reports a 21 per cent increase in membership among Negro boys for the first half of 1945." *11-3-45*

Cites Boy Scout Creed As Curb To Youth Delinquency

The Journal and Guide Norfolk, Va.
 By C. C. SPAULDING
 President, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company

The prevalence of juvenile delinquency that is manifesting itself throughout the country has become a matter of grave concern to parents and to the general public as well. The situation has become so acute that the best minds of the country are at wit's end to counteract its influence and to curb its growth.



SPAULDING

Various corrective measures have been suggested, but of all the measures this far advanced none in my opinion holds brighter promise of accomplishing the desired results than does the influence of the Boy Scouts of America movement. *12-15-45*

In its operation, the Boy Scout Movement sets forth definite objectives that are fundamentally sound, among them being Christianity, citizenship, character and culture. The fact that a Boy Scout pledge places the boy on his honor to earnestly strive to do his duty of God and to his country provides a goal that points the way to the accomplishment of the movement's second objective citizenship. Thus, the foundation for the development of a youth's finer qualities is laid, thereby promoting the third objective, that of character.

FOURTH OBJECTIVE

In like manner the fourth objective, culture, is an indispensable asset to a full, well rounded life, for without Christianity, citizenship, character and culture the type of human relationships that the people of the world have sought vainly to achieve through-

out the ages would of a certainty be lost.

The growth of the Scout movement and the influence it is wielding may be attributed to the broad objectives that prompted its organization to develop the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others; to train them in Scoutcraft and to teach them patriotism, courage, self reliance, and kindred virtues thereby endowing them with the necessary requisites for full well rounded lives.

The fact that the movement has not attained even greater growth can probably be attributed to the need for a broader understanding of the program of the institution, its purpose and objective.

DESERVES PRESTIGE

Unquestionably the Scout movement has earned and deserves the prestige that is accorded it, for in my opinion holds brighter promise of accomplishing the desired results than does the influence of the Boy Scouts of America movement. *12-15-45*

Scouting maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God and to fellow-men. Certainly there is no finer program of self-development in existence for the youth of our nation. In recognition of the fine Christian, manly program the Boy Scouts are providing, it is earnestly hoped that every citizen will lend his influence and aid to promoting the Boy Scout Movement in this state.

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Scouts- Girls

Whites Break Ground For Negro Girls' Camp

SAVANNAH, Ga.--Ground breaking exercises for the first colored Girl Scouts Camp in this section of the South were held Sunday in Hancock County, with colored and white leaders from all sections of this State and Florida taking part in the precedent making program.

Approximately \$5,000 have been raised by interested whites alone for erection of the center which is expected to offer camping facilities to Negro Girl Scouts throughout the nearby South. The project is being sponsored by the Savannah Girl Scout Association.

HEADED BY WHITES

Mrs. Thomas M. Johnson is president, Miss Sarah Jane Westerbeke is executive secretary and Jack Gay Jr. is chairman of the Committee on Human Relations, which is directly responsible for acquisition of land and the construction of buildings for the camp and center.

With money already raised, a tract of forty acres of ground has been purchased and building will start on the project immediately. Scout executives in Atlanta, Augusta, Milledgeville, Waynesboro, Brunswick and Vidalia have been asked that girls from their centers be scheduled for camping at this Savannah-sponsored center.

Officials say the establishment of this camp is "an encouraging gesture on the part of white people, to thinking and forward looking Negroes at a time when there is such great need for men and women of all faiths and religions to come together in workable agreements and arrangements for a fuller life in the New World Order."

Pittsburgh Courier---Penn. 2-10-45

NEGRO GIRL SCOUTS START FIRST CAMP

(The Associated Press)
Sparta, Ga., Feb. 5.--Ground has been broken here for "Log Cabin Community," the first Negro Girl Scout camp in the South-east.

Benjamin F. Hubert, president of the Georgia State College, presented the deed for the 40-acre wooded tract to Mrs. Thomas Johnson, president of the Savannah Girl Scout Association.

"These 40 acres represent some of the first land bought by Negroes in the South after the War

Between the States. It is in the center of 10,000 acres of land owned by Negroes today," Hubert said.

Negro Girl Scouts from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida are eligible to attend "Log Cabin Community."

NEGRO GIRL SCOUTS INVESTITURE SUNDAY

Columbus' first Negro Girl Scout investiture ceremony will take place Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in the First African Baptist church, Miss Scotia Mazingo, executive secretary, will officiate.

As a result of the Negro leader's training course conducted by Miss Mazingo last month, two Girl Scout troops--No. 38 and 39--were organized. The members attended four regular meetings before becoming eligible to take the Girl Scout oath.

There are 24 girls in each troop. Troop 38 is led by Margaret Walker, assisted by E. E. Farley, J. S. Stanback and Helen Dawkins. Troop 39 is led by Mattie White, assisted by Mary Solomon and Almerita Allen.

The candlelight service will receive invocation by the Rev. J. M. Bearden, pastor of St. James AME church. Songs will be rendered by the congregation. Dr. Mary H. McCoo, principal speaker, will be introduced by Maimie Braxton-Davis.

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HARLEM GIRL SCOUTS OPEN PLAY CENTER

A new play center where Harlem's Girl Scouts can follow the organization's summer program of arts, crafts, music, dramatics and nutrition, and capable of accommodating 200 girls between the ages of 1 and 18, was opened yesterday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 126th Street and Madison Avenue.

The thirty-five girls attending the first session remained for official opening ceremonies, at which Girl Scout leaders and others interested in the prevention of juvenile delinquency in one of the city's problem areas were the speakers.

The center will be open five days weekly until Aug. 10, and its program will be guided by fifteen professional workers under direction of Miss Julia Mills, Girl Scout field adviser in Harlem. Miss Eleanor Edson, metropolitan director of the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, disclosed that the venture, on a more ambitious scale than three others in the city, was made possible by a grant from the discretionary fund of the Greater New York Fund and an anonymous donor.

Mark McCloskey, director of community and recreational education for the Board of Education, told the audience that organizations such as the Girl Scouts answer the fundamental need of human beings to belong to a group where they may learn to work and play together. Both organizations and individuals must learn to work with each other, he said, before co-operation can be successful on a world scale.

Canada Lee, actor, who recalled that he was once a Boy Scout, told the young scouts that the organization would teach them to "want to belong to America." Because America was built "largely on the backs, sweat, tears and broken bones of the Negro," he said, "America is ours as much as it is anybody's." He said Negroes must teach other Americans the part his race has played in its history, and also learn to respect them as belonging to a great nation.

Mrs. Mildred B. Fisher, executive secretary of the Central Harlem Council for Community Planning, was another speaker on the program over which Mrs. Charles Turner, Girl Scout District Commissioner of Harlem, presided.

Camp for Negro Girl Scouts Opens Today

First Negro Girl Scout camping session sponsored by the D. C. Girl Scout Council, gets under way today, when 63 girls leave for a two week vacation at Camp Pleasant in the Allegheny Mountains Laurel Hill Recreation area. The camp site has been loaned by the Family Service Association of Washington.

Appointed Girl Scout Adviser

The Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
SEATTLE, Wash. -- Miss Sarah L. Greene was recently appointed National Field Advisor of the Girl Scout National Staff for the Northwest region following her professional Girl Scout training in New York City.

An energetic and interesting personality whose diversified interests run into many channels, Miss Greene was reared and educated in Seattle. She attended both Washington State College and the University of Washington, and majored in sociology.

Beside scouting activities, Miss Greene finds time to take an active part in the NAACP, the Urban League, and many inter-cultural, interracial groups.

ACTIVITIES NUMEROUS

She strives through the formal and informal training of group leaders of various groups to bring about a better understanding and race harmony.

As an active member of the American Association for the Study of Group Work, the Washington Society for Mental Hygiene, and the National Association of Girl Scout Executives, her chief objective is to help volunteer and professional leaders in the art of planning and working with, not for, minority groups.

VACATIONING IN TOWN



work skills.

Until this summer Mrs. Cox was employed as head teacher of the Fellwood Homes Nursery School. Previously she has been a supervisor under the W. P. A., a worker with the department of Public Welfare and a teacher. Mrs. Cox has been accepted provisionally for Girl Scouts professional work by the committee on local personnel of the Girl Scout at National headquarters in New York. She began her work with the Scouts of Savannah on Monday, September 10.

Girl Scouts cooking a meal at their summer camp in Van Cortlandt Park

GIRL SCOUT FIELD SECRETARY



job with very high qualifications. Rapid growth within the organization is expected under her leadership.

Mrs. Cox, a native of Sandersville, has made her home in Savannah for several years where she has won for herself a reputation for efficient and conscientious work as well as a warm regard of many friends. She has had group leadership experience with high school girls clubs as well as adult, parents clubs and nutrition classes. She has served as a counselor at Camp John Hope during the summer 1936. She was educated at Hampton Institute and at Spelman College, where she received her B. S. degree in home economics in 1937. Since that time she has attended summer sessions at the Atlanta University. During the past summer she took courses in recreation leadership, community organization, industrial problems and the Negro, and group

The Girl Scouts Association announces the addition to its professional staff of Mrs. Y. Cox who will be field secretary for the Negro division. Mrs. Cox comes to her

SECRET SOCIETIES

ELKS NAME DELEGATES TO ALLIED PEACE MEET

By JACK SAUNDERS
Staff Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA—The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World ended here last Friday one of the greatest conventions in the history of the organization—a convention which featured the selling of \$650,000 worth of Victory Bonds and the sponsoring of a number of programs calculated to improve the employment, economical, social, financial and political status of Negroes throughout the country.

Most significant from an international point of view was the convention's action Friday in naming a delegation to attend the forthcoming Peace Conference no matter when and where it is held. That delegation will be composed of seven of Elksdom's leaders and most outstanding personalities. Heading the committee will be Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., and other members will be Magistrate Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand Director of Civil Liberties, and Exalted Ruler of the host lodge, Chris J. Perry; Perry W. Howard of Washington, Grand Legal Adviser; James E. Kelley of Birmingham, Ala., Grand Secretary; Grand Daughter Ruler Elizabeth Gordon, and Daughters Buena Kelley and Theresa Robinson.

APPOINTED BY

CONVENTION 9-8-45
This committee was appointed by the Convention-at-large following discussion of important post-war matters pertaining to Negroes. The convention praised the work of the delegation which attended the recent San Francisco Conference, and considered it expedient to send a similar delegation to the Peace Conference.

Six days of activity surrounded the convention, which brought to this traditional City of Brotherly Love approximately 25,000 delegates and visitors from all sections of the United States. The annual parade on Tuesday was, as usual, a highpoint of the meeting, which held daily sessions at Chris J. Perry Lodge's \$80,000 home on Broad Street near Master.

By Thursday, \$500,000 worth of Victory Bonds had been sold in Philadelphia, and Grand Lodge officers announced on Friday that reports from various sections of

the country put the national total at well over the \$22,000,000 mark.

BUFFALO GETS CONVENTION 9-8-45

It also was decided at Friday's session that Buffalo, N. Y., would be the scene of next year's convention. The only opposition to Buffalo was offered by the delegation from Atlantic City, N. J., but the sentiment of the entire convention swung the pendulum in Buffalo's favor. Host lodges will be Frontier 1024, and Elite 119.

Post-war planning to provide employment for Negro youth was emphasized at Wednesday's session, and Exalted Ruler Wilson disclosed that plans for financing retail stores to be operated by junior members of the lodge were under way for the post-war era.

"We intend to finance these stores, ranging from grocery to dry goods, by selling Victory Bonds to lodge members throughout the country," Wilson stated.

FLAY FEPC TRAITORS

The Grand Exalted Ruler also assailed politicians who endorsed the Fair Employment Practices Committee and then failed to live up to their pledges.

"We are a little tired of people who talk like Jefferson," he continued, "and then act like Bilbo."

This session also saw top officers of the Grand Lodge re-elected by acclamations. They were Grand Secretary Kelley, Magistrate Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; William C. Hueston, Washington, D. C., Grand Commissioner of Education, and Magistrate Reynolds, who also

headed the bond committee, as Grand Director of Civil Liberties.

HOUSING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Thursday's session saw the convention launch a nation-wide campaign for public housing for Negroes "whenever full employment fails him." In urging speedy pushing of the housing program, Wilson said:

"No Negro in America should live in a log cabin, in a hovel, a shanty or in blighted areas in our large metropolitan cities."

Grand Director of Civil Liberties Reynolds made his annual report at this session. Following a pledge to continue fighting against inequities facing the Negro, and to push the campaign for permanent FEPC legislation, delegates donated nearly \$1,600 for the purpose.

Major R. R. Wright Sr., president of the Citizens' Southern Bank and Trust Company, swelled the bond rally fund when he purchased \$100,000 in War Bonds from the Grand Lodge and \$50,000 in War Bonds from the Grand Temple.

Bishop David H. Sims of the AME Church addressed this session, and warned that "when our boys come back from fighting for democracy throughout the world, they are going to expect to find some here. They will expect a hand in policy-making at Washington just as other veterans will."

Elks

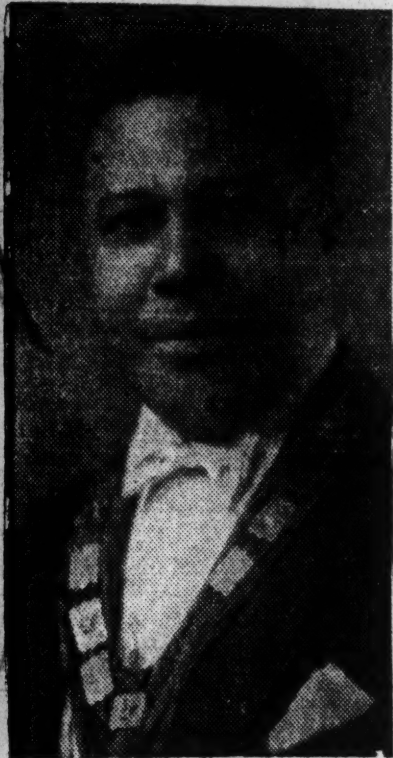
Principal speaker at the Grand Temple session at Metropolitan Opera House Thursday night, was Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Skyhigh interest in the announcement of winners in various divisions in the greatest parade in a decade arrested the hushed attention of 3,000 persons last Thursday evening at the Grand Ball at the Met, Broad and Poplar Streets. As Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson announced the winners all patrons listened with bated breath.

Results were as follows: Best senior band, Columbia, Ohio; best junior band, Syracuse, N. Y.; best drum and bugle corps, Pride of Delaware Lodge; largest membership in line, Columbia Lodge 85, Washington, D. C.; best march club (male), Monarch Lodge 45, New York City; best marching club (female), Eureka Temple 22, New York City; best sport unit (male), Harrisburg, Pa.; best sport unit (female), Queen Esther Temple, Richmond, Va.; best junior herd, White Plains, N. Y.; best health unit, Columbia Temple, Washington, D. C.; best drum majorettes, Greater Pittsburgh (Pa.) Lodge; best mounted patrol, Boots and Saddle Club, Detroit, Mich.; finest float, Florence Ames Temple, Detroit, Mich.; State with greatest number of units in line, Antlered Guard of Baltimore.

The Committee of Trophies and Awards reported there were thirty-eight bands and twenty-four drum and bugle corps in the line of march and innumerable marching and drill clubs.

Re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler



J. Finley Wilson of Washington, D. C., grand exalted ruler of the grand lodge of IBPOE of W., for more than 20 years, was re-elected to that position without opposition at the Elks annual Conclave in Philadelphia last week. *Journal's Guide*

Norfolk, Va.

Elks Purchase \$600,000 Worth Of Victory Bonds

250,000 Spectators View Colorful Parade In Philly

(Pictures on Page 2)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Between \$500,000 and \$600,000 in victory bond purchases were made by the grand lodge, the subordinate lodges and individual members of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World during their annual conclave—victory bond rally—held at Chris Perry lodge and the Metropolitan

Opera house here last week.

The grand lodge made a purchase of \$100,000 worth of bonds, which was matched by a similar purchase by Major R. R. Wright. The grand temple, Daughter Elks, made a \$50,000 purchase. Nearly 40 lodges made purchases of \$5,000 each. Eugene Soral, grand esquire of Los Angeles, tied with J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler for highest individual purchases, \$10,000 face value bonds, Series G.

Southern Pride Lodge, Montgomery, Ala., received credit for the largest single sale in Philadelphia, when B. T. Thompson, exalted ruler, brought certified checks for bonds totaling \$21,000.

COMMITTEE SWAMPED

Individual sales swamped the bond committee, so that complete tabulations will not be available until next week.

The committee headed by Judge W. C. Hueston, with E. H. Lawson directing bond sales, was assisted by a committee from the grand temple headed by Mrs. Ethel Sherrill Taylor of Philadelphia. *9-8-45*

Through this committee, with Mrs. Hobson Reynolds and Clarence Amarando supplying the bank connection for immediate delivery of bonds, between \$500,000 and \$600,000 sales were made in Philadelphia, and more than \$20,000,000 in War Bonds reported under seal through lodges and temples throughout the country.

Elizabeth Kimbough of Brooklyn, N. Y., re-elected grand treasurer of the grand temple, contributed more than \$5,000 for the purchase of bonds as the result of a daughter ruler popularity contest, with Mrs. Emma Sinkfield, Quaker City Temple, winning high honors.

HUESTON PRESENTED \$5,000

Mrs. Pearl Brown of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Ethel Charleston of Philadelphia, outstanding in the fraternal educational field, through the Cap and Gown Club, made a presentation of \$3,030 to Judge Hueston in celebration of his 20th anniversary as grand commissioner of education.

In addition, the grand lodge gave Mr. Hueston a purse of \$2,000, Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson presenting him a collar covered with \$2,000 in bills. Incident to the 20th anniversary

of the educational department other funds raised were sufficient to purchase \$25,000 in victory bonds. Presentation of various amounts were made in this department to Mrs. Minnie T. Wright of Boston, retiring grand directress, and Mrs. Bessie Nelson of Washington, D. C., fourth assistant, for outstanding work.

Wilson, was reelected grand exalted ruler. Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon of Washington was re-elected grand daughter ruler, and Mrs. Beuna Kelley Berry of Norfolk, grand daughter secretary.

Under supervision of Mrs. Berry, the annual pageant at Chris J. Perry lodge hall, revealing in picturesque and dramatic form the history of the grand temple from the time of its founding by the late Emma V. Kelley of Norfolk, Va., excelled all previous efforts for glamour and interest.

Delegations larger than ever before attended the sessions of the grand temple at the Metropolitan Opera House. More than 1,000 women registered from 30 states.

COLORFUL PARADE

Approximately 250,000 persons jammed Broad street in northern and southern sections of the city Tuesday, Aug. 27, to witness what was perhaps the most colorful parade in Elk history.

Hours before starting time the crowd started to form along the line of the parade. Young and old, hale and infirm, they were there with their lunch boxes, ladders, benches and boxes of all descriptions.

Led by Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson and Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, grand daughter ruler, the parade started about 5 p. m. and ended through hours later in front of the Chris J. Perry lodge, at Broad and Master streets in North Philadelphia.

A contingent of colored servicemen, all overseas veterans, followed closely behind the exalted ruler and drew waves of applause from the spectators.

Mayor Bernard Samuel addressed 10,000 persons attending the public sessions and bond rally at the Metropolitan Opera House Tuesday afternoon.

Approximately 50,000 representatives of Elksdom from every state in the union invaded the city to attend the week-long meet, which opened Aug. 26 at the Mutchmore Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence M. Smith delivering the address. *9-9-45*

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Highlight of the Monday sessions was the oratorical contest which was won by Miss Euris Smith, 17, Savannah, Ga., whose histrionic ability won her the

coveted 24-inch statuette and \$150 bonus check over a field of seven contestants, including Miss Lillian Powell of Philadelphia, who won second place honors.

Wilson presented each of the seven contestants, three boys and four girls, with a \$1,000 scholarship plus \$100 to defray the cost of attending the conclave.

Miss Powell is the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Archie Powell, of this city. The winner discussed "The Negro and the Constitution," and the runner-up, "The Constitution and Citizenship."

OTHER CONTESTANTS

Youngest contestant was Miss Dorythea Cooley, of Fresno, Cal. Others were: Miss Golden Sudeth, of St. Louis; Hester Jackson, of Lansing, Mich.; William Branch, of Washington, D. C., and Wiley Daniels, Jr., of Birmingham.

Judges were Perry Howard, of Mississippi, grand legal adviser Bert Reading, of Chester, Pa.; and Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, radio stage and screen dancer. *9-9-45*

OTHER TEMPLE OFFICERS

Other grand temple officers elected were: Maggie Hill, Asbury Park, N. J., vice grand daughter ruler; Mertie Robinson, New York, assistant grand daughter ruler; Daisy Harris, Richmond, grand chaplain; Nettie Carter Staten Island, N. Y., escort.

Also Reba Jefferson, Lucille Ellett, assistant escorts; Reita Corold, hale and infirm, they were there with their lunch boxes, ladders, benches and boxes of all descriptions. Baltimore, assistant grand secretary; Kayte Steele, Chicago, re-order, and Agnes Reid, New York, organist.

Savannah, Ga. News
June 10, 1945

Outstanding Negro Will Be Honored

BY SAMUEL J. BROWN

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons, the members of the local Masonic orders, the members of the Eastern Star and friends, in and out of the city, will join in paying homage to one of their number whom they appreciate, love and honor to a degree that perhaps has not been equaled among them for generations.

The celebration will take place June 12th, and the object of this unusual attention is Sol C. Johnson, the venerable editor of the Savannah Tribune. The occasion that prompts this action is his completion of 50 years service as grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Negro Masonic order of the state of Georgia.

From the youngest school child to the oldest citizen there seems to be an unanimous opinion that such honor has never been more deserved.

Sol C. Johnson was born in Savannah, in the Yamacraw section, and grew up there as a boy.

For more than a half century the name of Sol C. Johnson has been synonymous with everything that has been worth while and deserving in the community. Through the columns of his paper, the Savannah Tribune, he enthusiastically advocates those things that mean progress and advancement for Savannah. He pleads for justice for his people but has never been blind to their faults, and he constantly urges them to strengthen their weaknesses and improve or eliminate their faults.

A product of the public school system of this city he entered the printing and publishing business as an apprentice under the late Col. John H. Deveaux. By his efficiency, his loyalty and devotion to duty he finally succeeded Colonel Deveaux as editor of the Tribune and thereupon embarked on a career that has made his influence for good felt in business, civic, religious and fraternal circles locally and nationally. He knows how to exercise wisdom and yet not be arrogant. He is courageous, but never domineering. He is forward in his ideas but never radical. He is exceedingly charitable but never boasts. He is quick to recognize and commend virtues in others but shrinks from accepting credit for his own. He is true to his friends to the point of sacrifice. He is religiously conscientious in the performance of any duty or obligation large or small. His manner is conservative and retiring, but he is 100 per cent loyal to the things in which he believes.

Besides being grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Georgia he is senior member of the First Congregational Church and knows more about its history than any other member. For more than two score years he has served as chairman of its board of trustees.

In the many civic and fraternal organizations of which he is a member he unconsciously exercises a sphere of influence that serves as a guide for

the majority of the members. He never attempts, however, to take undue advantage of this influence but uses it only in the interest of the organization he seeks to serve.

He is known personally to many of Savannah's leading white citizens and have frequently been consulted by them on matters pertaining to the welfare of his race. They respect him for his inestimable contribution to the community.

In honoring Sol C. Johnson his fellow citizens are proving that they know how to appreciate real value in an individual. In comparison to what he has meant to his race and community no testimonial could fully compensate, but each one wants to do his bit and feel that he has had a part in a movement so worthy and deserving.

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National Grand Lodge of York Masons

Officers Elected. *The Alfred Amerason* by York Masons *Baltimore*

ROANOKE, Va.—Meeting here early last month, the National Grand Lodge of York Masons elected John L. Turner of Alabama, national grand master and Mrs. Josephine Walker of New Jersey, national grand matron.

During the sessions, which were held in St. Paul Methodist Church, it was decided to hold the 100th anniversary celebration in Philadelphia in 1947 and the triennial conference in St. Louis in 1948.

Among the reports made was that of R. J. Simmons, re-elected national secretary, who read correspondence from the White House bassies. *11-17-45*

Other officers elected were:

R. L. French of West Virginia, deputy grand master; the Rev. H. Hayes of New Jersey, senior warden; Clin Davenport of Georgia, junior warden; F. D. Burton of Alabama, treasurer; P. H. Harris of Alabama, tyler; R. L. Brooks of Georgia, grand patron; Dr. L. M. Hill of Georgia, grand Joshua; Mrs. O. W. Jones, deputy grand matron, and Mrs. Sarah Canty of Ohio, national grand matron, Eastern Star.

Charter The Informer Secured Houston, Texas For Bldg.

HOUSTON—Friday a group of Negro business leaders received a charter from the Secretary of State for the Pilgrim Building Corporation, organized with a paid in sum of \$25,000.00, to purchase and operate the Pilgrim Building, constructed by the Ancient Order of Pilgrims and lost during the depression. The movement will bring again to Negroes this beacon light of achievement which seemed to have been lost to the race for good.

Organizers are busy preparing to launch a campaign to sell an additional \$100,000.00 of stock to cover the purchase of the building. The stock will sell for \$100.00 a share and is known as nominal or non-par value stock. When the building is purchased, it will be put into shape and into full use for Negroes as it was formerly. The total authorized capital is 2500 shares or \$250,000.00, the organizers do not contemplate issuing more than half of the stock presently.

Great credit for this deal is due to G. A. Kennedy, head of the Progressive Order of Pilgrims. Mr. Kennedy has been dreaming of the re-purchase of this building for years, and it will be a feather in his cap as well as the Progressive Order of Pilgrims to have it come back into Negro hands, though the general public will buy and own the building. 3-10-45

To many of those who shared in the organization, it was most impressive to have ten men meet on call of Mr. Kennedy, and after an hour's discussion to find what the issues were; to put \$10,000.00 on the table. Indeed, really nine men did it at that first meeting, because one man that was present did not belong in the group of men who were able. Subsequently, three other men came in with \$1000.00 each. Then it was decided that instead of \$10,000.00, there should be \$25,000.00 paid in for the incorporation. Another \$12,000.00 was subscribed by the men present as casually and in as short a time as takes to say it is needed. One man said, "I'll put so much additional," another said, "I'll put up so much," and so on until it was all accounted for. This promises well for the future success of the venture, and for the efficient management of the building.

Public Interested

As the word has leaked out of this organization, increasing numbers of people have indicated their desire to be a part of this movement to recover the building and operate

it for a profit. It is believed that as soon as it is known that the movement to buy the building is actually under way, a great number of Negroes will be anxious to join with the men who have had the vision and means to turn the trick. An interesting thing about the whole matter is that once the idea was broached, there were four or five men who would rather have put all of the money up, and taken control of the building, than to have issued stock to the general public. G. A. Kennedy insisted that the stock should be open to the general public, because he said it had been his dream that the masses of Negroes might have a share in owning this building. The others have finally agreed to issue the stock, with the provision that if there is any delay, they will be permitted to put up the balance of the money and take charge of the building in a small group.

Those who lead out in the movement are G. A. Kennedy, Julius White, Carter Wesley, Mrs. Blanche B. Jackson, Frank Hart, M. W. Shanks, W. L. Davis, Sidney Hoggatt, Morris Merritt, and J. H. Jemison.

This shows that it is dominated by hard-headed business people, who don't put their money into anything idly, and it is an earnest of the good prospects in the venture. But there is not a name on there that represents less than \$1000.00 of investment and that is a better indication of the seriousness of the organizers.

Aside from the many store fronts on the ground floor, and the office space on the second and third floors, the spacious auditorium and club rooms of the fourth floor with the terrace, offer fine possibilities for entertainment and service, as well as for increased revenue when Negroes begin to operate the building. All told, it is the best building that Negroes have constructed in Houston. On every hand the organizers have been congratulated by those who heard of the venture, and there has not been a single criticism of the movement.

Those who would like to be part of the venture should write in to Mrs. Blanche B. Jackson, treasurer, 806 West Dallas, or to W. L. Davis, secretary, 2110 Hutchins for pre-purchase, in order to make sure that they will get in before the sales period ends. The organizers hope to begin issuing stock very shortly, and have set a definite limit on the time the stock will be open to the general public.

Progressive Order of the Pilgrims

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AKA's Keep AFRO-AMERICAN D.C. Lobby

DETROIT, Mich.—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Directorate, in session here, recently, voted to continue the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs and Gamma House at the University of Illinois as national projects.

Health Projects Limited

The Mississippi Health Project will be limited to making available to communities the governmental health services. At the Gamma House a study of the trend of student housing on college campuses will be launched.

A report showed that the 1944 national projects fund raising campaign netted \$5,000. The campaign will be conducted again this year to supplement the approximately \$10,000 allocated for national projects.

New Officers Elected

Four new national officers holding the positions of regional directors will take office this month. They are Mrs. Clarissa K. Dillard, Richmond, Va., South Atlantic Region; Mrs. Arnetta G. Wallace, Knoxville, Tenn., Southeastern Region; Miss Maynelle Newsome, Indianapolis, Ind., Central Region; and Mrs. Anna B. Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., Far Western Region.

The next meeting of the Boule, which will be held in the summer of 1945, will be a Work Shop meeting.

Sessions of the Directorate were held at the Rackham Building and the Urban League. Courtesies extended the directorate included a breakfast at the Gotham Hotel and a reception at the Urban League by the Detroit Graduate Chapter, and a dinner at the home of Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, supreme basileus.

Members present were:

Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle, honorary supreme basileus and tamiochus, Philadelphia; Mrs. Louise J. McDonald, first anti-basileus, New York; Miss Irene M. Wood, second anti-basileus, Washington;

Mrs. Edna O. Gray, supreme grammateus, Baltimore; Miss Laura Jones, assistant supreme grammateus, Baltimore; Miss Zetella R. Turner, editor-in-chief, Ivy Leaf, Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. Zelma George, parliamentarian, Cleveland, Ohio;

Miss Ruth Scott, North Atlantic regional director, Philadelphia; Mrs. Marguerite Adams, South Atlantic regional director, Charlotte, N.C.; Mrs. Laura Lovelace, Great Lakes regional director, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Blanche Patterson, Central regional director, St. Louis, Mo.;

Mrs. Gwendolyn B. Jones, Mid-Western regional director, Topeka, Kans.; Miss Collye Riley, Southeast-

ern regional director, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Connie Y. Odom, South Central regional director, Austin, Tex., and Miss Manila H. Smith, Far Western regional director, Los Angeles, Calif.

AKA Directorate Holds Meeting To Plan Activities In New Year

Sixteen members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Directorate met in session in Detroit December 27-28. The point of emphasis was a revaluation of the sorority's program in terms of postwar needs which resulted in a reorganization and expansion of the national projects.

The national projects will be continued—the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs which maintains an office in Washington and was instrumental in spearheading the successful drive for the inclusion of Negro women in the Waves—the Mississippi Health Project which first marked the trend of the sorority toward broader social outlook will of necessity have to channel its efforts along new lines because of the impossibility of operating a mobile clinic which was the practice for some ten years.

For the time being, the health project will concentrate on making available to the various communities the governmental health services—Gamma House at the University of Illinois, which is the property of the Boule, will continue in operation with a study being launched of the trend of student housing on college campuses.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Appoints Health Secretary

WASHINGTON—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority announces the appointment of Miss Flora Chisholm as its first executive secretary of National Health Program. Headquarters for the Health Program are at 1790 Broadway, New York City. The program will operate through local chapters of the sorority on a nation-wide scale. This plan will facilitate the cooperation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority with all the national officials and voluntary health agencies.

Soror Chisholm hails from Birmingham, Ala., where she has served as a teacher in the public school system for a number of years. She received her Master's degree from the University of Michigan with school health education as a sequence and is a qualified public health worker. While at at University of Michigan, Soror Chisholm was elected to Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary fraternity for women in education. She is affiliated with Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at the University of Michigan.

Soror Chisholm has been active in civic, educational and religious work in her home State. She has served as secretary, vice president and president of the Birmingham Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. At present she is recording secretary of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs. She has identified herself with many of our worthy national organizations.

Estelle Massey Riddle is chairman of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Health Committee.



MISS CHISHOLM

AKA Sorority Meet Maps Plans For Post War Future of Group

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is changing its program to meet the post-war needs, according to decisions made here last week-end at a two-day session of the National Advisory Committee, of which Mrs. Louise H. McDonald is the chairman.

The sessions were held on Saturday at the W. 137th St. YWCA and here. Mrs. Mary C. Lewis was in charge of the arrangements for the tea and for a "Dutch treat" supper on last Saturday night at the Caribbean Club. The subjects of the sorority were defined and plans were formulated for operation of the three, namely, the Non-Partisan Council in Washington, the national health program, and the new orientation program at the University of Illinois.

The Non-Partisan Council, of which Miss Norma Boyd is chairman, is an organized lobby working solely in the interest of the Negro in matters of Federal legislative matters. Through the active efforts of this unit, Negro women have been admitted into the armed forces.

In expanding the program of the eight-year-old Mississippi health project, the sorority is now interested in a national health program and in national health legislation. Much of the material collected through the Mississippi project will be valuable to the health project staff in its new over-all task.

At the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill., where a demonstration is proposed in cooperative interracial living, a study will be made in intercultural relations centered on youth.

At present Alpha Kappa Alpha, which is composed of 160 chapters in the leading cities and universities, spends \$12,000 yearly on its national projects. At least \$5,000 of that comes from the sale of bonds to sorors and chapters.

Advisory Members

In addition to Mrs. McDonald, who is the sorority's first anti-basileus and coordinator of the national projects, the members of the National Advisory committee are the following: Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, national basileus, Detroit; Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, Cleveland; Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, this city; Mrs. Laura Lovelace, chairman of the Regional Directors Council, Cincinnati; Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle, national tamiochos, and founder of the sorority, Philadelphia. All attended the meeting.

Founder's Day Tea

Tau Omega Chapter, of which Mrs. Leathe Hemachandra is basileus, and Lambda Chapter, of which Mrs. Aloncita J. Flood is basileus, observed Founder's Day last Sunday at Whittier Hall, Columbia University, at which time the National Advisory Committee and three other sorors were guests of honor. In the latter group were Lt. (j.g.) Harriet L. Pickens, USNR; Mrs. Joanna B. Shields, one of the founders, this city; and Miss Etta Moten, of "Porgy and Bess" fame, who lives in

Alpha Kappa Alpha to Spend \$19,500 in Three Projects

with *Lula Jones Garrett*

(AFRO Woman's Editor)

Setting a fine argument in favor of the existence of sororities and fraternities in the now country-wide debate as whether or not they justify the time spent in them is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which has just put official approval on a \$19,500 social welfare budget.

The sorority is committed to a broad legislative and health program which includes the continuance of the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of which Norma E. Boyd of Washington, D.C., is national chairman and Thomasina W. Johnson is legislative representative; and the redirection of the health program which was begun in 1933 as the Mississippi Health Project to include a program of community health for all the people with Estella M. Riddle of New York City as director of the National Health Program and Flora B. Chisholm as executive secretary; Gamma House, the third national project is to be continued and developed as an intercultural center at the University of Illinois with Henrietta Pelkey of Chicago as general chairman.

To further these three national projects an allocation of \$9000, \$6000, and \$1500, respectively, has been voted from the 1946 treasury.

Incidentally, their Boule will be held in Los Angeles, Calif., in August.

AKA Studies Military Peacetime Training

WASHINGTON, D. C. A very comprehensive study on the subject of Universal Military Peacetime Training was released to the public this week by the National Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs of the Alpha Kappa Sorority. Hearings begin on June 4 before the Select Committee on Post-War Military Policy of the House on the question of whether there should be universal military peacetime training. Hearings on the bill will come up later.

The Council has taken the position that the passage or the discussion of this bill at this time by Congress would tend to jeopardize the successful formation of a world organization in San Francisco and in Congress to end war for all time. Whether or not there should be military peacetime training for all persons over 18 has not been determined as yet and will not be determined until a poll is taken throughout the country. The Council, however, has offered amendments to this bill that would end segregation in this training if passed. This was felt necessary and highly desirable so that in the event the bill is passed there would be safeguards for Negroes.

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Alpha Phi Alphas

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Has Splendid Session in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(Special)

ventions in the history of the Fraternity.

When the bells began to ring, the whistles began to blow and people began to greet each other with "Happy New Year" the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, closed out its thirtieth convention here in the All-War Memorial Building. Lights were dimmed in the great hall, only one small candle was burning while the 185 representatives and messengers made a huge circle, with the officers of the Fraternity in the center, and then sang their celebrated Alpha Song. This was followed by a banquet that was national in scope, because there were persons here from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. The closing address of the banquet was delivered by Dr. W. E. B. Dubois.

The convention voted that Mr. Meredith G. Ferguson, in cooperation with Mr. W. O. Swingler, conclude the year's work on the Sphinx Magazine which will continue to be printed in the Tennessee capital city. All of the business sessions were held in the Junior High School. There were many social features and much attraction during the week.

Preceding this on Sunday afternoon in the Senior High School one of the most commodious buildings of education in the state of New Jersey, they listened to great addresses and talks by Congressman-elect, Dr. Adam Clayton Powell from New York City, the first Negro congressman to be elected from that empire state, Dr. Charles Wesley, president of Wilberforce University, His Honor, the Mayor of Atlantic City, Dr. Rayford Logan, who had just been recently elected president of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to succeed himself, Attorney Bedford Lawson of Washington, Dr. John W. Hill of the Educational Board in the nation's capital.

The first award for Local Chapters that was contested for this past year, as in previous years, was won by the Chi Chapter of Nashville, Tenn. The leader of this delegation from the Chapter was Rev. Henry A. Boyd of Nashville. The other distinction that brought Nashville to the front was in the election of Mr. Meredith G. Ferguson, of the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company in Nashville, as treasurer.

He succeeded Dr. Farrow Allen of New York, who declined to serve another term because of his increased medical practice. The committee on resolutions paid a high tribute to the local Alpha Chapter serving as host, and to Mr. N. C. Cain, the host chairman, as well as to Atlantic City citizens, who, because of their hospitality, made this one of the greatest con-

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New Editor of Sphinx

SCOTLANDVILLE, La. — Dr. Reid E. Jackson, director of publicity and professor of psychology, Southern University, last week was elected editor of the *Sphinx*, official organ of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Called To Meet In Chicago

11-9-45

Chicago, Ill. — (Special) — Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity located here are rejoicing over the fact that the annual convention of this fraternity will be held in this city in its thirtieth general session, from Dec. 27th thru Dec. 31st. The official call was sent out by Dr. Rayford W. Logan, the general president, from his office in Howard University. It was announced in this general call that Mr. Sidney P. Brown will be the general chairman of the convention committee. His office is located at 417 E. 47th Street, this city. All the sessions will be held in the Corpus Christi Auditorium and Center, located at the corner of South Parkway and 46th Street.

It has developed here that there are more than 350 Alpha Phi Alpha men in Chicagoland, with quite a number of Chapters, most of whom were the recipients of a great banquet given here several months ago by an Alpha Brother, Henry A. Boyd, of Nashville, which was regarded as a kind of forerunner for this general convention. 11-9-45

Dr. Rayford Logan's letter said: "The outstanding feature of the convention will be an address by Hon. Norman W. Manley, a former Rhodes scholar and a leader of the People's Party in Jamaica, British W. I. and one of the outstanding statesmen of the modern era."

His address will be a public one, and will be delivered on Dec. 30th. This meeting will bring to the city a large number of educators, because it is said that about eighteen college presidents are Alpha men.

The secretary, Mr. Joseph Evans, resides in Washington, while the treasurer, Mr. M. G. Ferguson, lives in Nashville, and the editor of the *Sphinx* Magazine now hails from Pine Bluff, Ark.

Alpha Phi Alpha

"Heartache On The Campus"

Atlanta World
If you have not already done so, you should make it a point to read what a distinguished American woman has to say about Greek letter fraternities and sororities, in the April issue of the Woman's Home Companion. Mrs. Glenn Frank, widow of the former president of the University of Wisconsin, says that we must begin now to wipe out fraternities and sororities from our public educational system because they are Un-American, snobbish and undemocratic.

4-8-45
"As a sorority woman myself for more than a quarter of a century and wife of the president of one of our largest state universities," says Mrs. Frank, "I have had a close up view of the operation of the Greek letter societies. What I have seen convinced me that any good that these societies may accomplish is far outweighed by the unhappiness and heartbreaks which they inflict upon thousands of young people every year, and by the class-consciousness, religious bigotry and race-prejudice which they foment right in those institutions which should be the most liberal. They have no more place in our public educational system than a Hitler Youth Movement."

Atlanta, Ga.

That's strong language! But the truth of it is even stronger. The sorry spectacle of fraternities and sororities "black-balling" good men and women; of accepting others less qualified in character and ability; of forcing their pledgees to scrub the sidewalks with a toothbrush, together with scores of other stunts equally as useless and silly, simply don't make sense to us. What is even more distressing is the fact that students find time for such unimportant things in the face of the grave problems which everywhere confront them. *4-8-45*

In a sense, there may be some good reason why students of other racial groups may afford these luxuries, since the problems of equality of economic opportunities, job opportunities, full citizenship privileges, the right of an unrestricted franchise, together with every other privilege, are already settled and determined for them by their parents. But it simply baffles us to understand how right thinking Negro students can emphasize these trivialities at the expense of these more weighty problems of living after they are out of the narrow confines of a college campus. Right now we know of two colleges which cannot or have not succeeded in getting a Youth chapter of the Nat'l Association for the Advancement of Colored People started among their student-bodies, while there is a chapter of every Greek letter organization available for Negroes on these campuses.

We are told that this criminal indifference to our grave social and economic problems is not limited to undergraduate students, but extends into the Graduate sororities and fraternities. One frequently hears reports where grown women, mothers and fathers, boasting of how successful they were in "blackballing" Miss "So-and so" at our last meeting. Not infrequently, men have been known to conduct a sort of inquisition when time came to pass upon the list of "invited guests" to their Annals. "She won't do, look who she goes with"; "He's all right, but look at that thing he's going with." The idiotic expressions

could be multiplied indefinitely. If we are really in earnest about the preservation and extension of democracy, then let us begin at the fountainhead; our school system, the most powerful arsenal of democratic ideas in any nation.

Truman Receives Negro Leaders

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (Special)—President Harry S. Truman today received a group of Negro leaders at the White House. The delegation was presented by Congressman William L. Dawson (Dem., Ill.). Lieut. Lawrence Oxley, U. S. Department of Labor aide, former state director of Negro welfare, was spokesman for the group, and extended an invitation to President Truman to address the 32d Annual Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Negro national college fraternity sessions, which will be held in Washington, December 27 through 30, 1945. The Fraternity with a nation-wide membership of seven thousand college men is holding its first postwar conclave.

Other members of the delegation included Frederick S. Weaver, Deputy Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia; Alexander Looby, Grand Basileus of the Fraternity; Spurgeon S. Burke, Director, the Lucy Slowe and Carver Halls for government workers; and Alfred N. Smith, Washington Representative for the Chicago Defender.

Kappas Elect Cleveland Attorney at 34th Conclave

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Augustus G. Parker, attorney and member of the Cleveland, Ohio, City Council, was elected national head of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at its thirty-fourth Grand Chapter meeting here last week.

Delegates to the three-day conference were the guests of the Louisville alumni chapter, of which Dr. H. S. Wilson of Louisville Municipal College is president. Columbus, Ohio, was selected for the 1945 conclave, war permitting.

Other officers elected are: Rufus S. Stout, of Louisville, national vice-president; Marvin C. Davis, Morgan College, Baltimore, junior vice-president; J. Ernest Wilkins, attorney, Chicago, secretary-treasurer; Robert Scott, Morehouse College, Atlanta, sergeant-at-arms; *1-6-45*

Three Named to Board

Leslie Henriques, University of Illinois, assistant sergeant-at-arms; N. Noah Webster, Bristol, Okla., historian; Dr. R. Eugene Clarke, Cincinnati, Dr. R. L. Jones, Charleston, W. Va., and Robert Potts, Jackson College, Jackson, Tenn., board of directors.

The fraternity not only passed resolutions opposing discrimination here but also voted to work for the welfare and rehabilitation of World War II veterans and to invest all surplus funds in war bonds.

Features of the convention included a service for men in the armed forces, a memorial service for twelve Kappa men who died last year and the posthumous award of the Laurel Wreath to Dr. C. Leon Wilson, Chicago gynecologist, who died in August.

Among the 104 out-of-town Kappa men from 23 States and the District of Columbia attending the conclave were:

E. R. Umphrey, M. C. Davis, J. W. Wood and E. W. Strother, all of Baltimore; Roscoe Beach, Fort Meade, Md.; Edgar Brown, Charles Holloway, E. F. Plant, Thaddeus Whyte, James Shepherd and Thomas Hill, all of Washington; H. Patrick Avery, 2nd, and T. Donaldson, New York City; Isaac Meadows and King Peterson, Buffalo, N.Y.; *1-6-45*

T. Hawkins and F. Burnett, Durham, N.C.; Ottaway Evans and G. James Fleming, Philadelphia; John W. Ruffin, Norfolk, Va.; G. W. Childs, Thomas E. Ashe, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; Brown Payne, Beckley, W. Va.; T. Coleman, Institute, W. Va.; A. B. Payne, R. L. Jones, D. W. Ambrose and E. L. Powell, all of Charleston, West Virginia.

Cleveland Atty. Named Head Of

Kappa Alpha Psi

ity, Ye Olde Esquire Club, the Silhouettes, and the Pan-Hellenic Council.

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Kappa Fraternity

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Atty.

Augustus G. Parker, member of the Cleveland, Ohio, City Council, was elected national head of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at its 34th Grand Chapter meeting held here last week. At the same time the organization gave its weight to a number of programs for the advancement of Negroes in the United States.

With 104 out-of-town delegates from 23 states, the Districts of Columbia, and 34 cities present, the three-day conference was the guest of the Louisville Alumni Chapter, of which Dr. H. S. Wilson, professor of chemistry at the Louisville Municipal College, is president.

Among the new officers the organization also honored a local man, Rufus S. Stout, assistant personnel director of the National Carbide Company, and formerly instructor of the Jackson Junior High School here. He was elected national vice-president. Other officers elected were: Marvin C. Davis, Morgan College, Baltimore, junior vice-president; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, secretary-treasurer; Robert Scott, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., sergeant-at-arms. Leslie Henriques, University of Illinois, assistant sergeant-at-arms; N. Noah Webster, Bristol, Okla., historian.

Elected to the board of directors were: Dr. R. Eugene Clarke, Cincinnati, Dr. R. L. Jones, Charleston, W. Va., and Robert Potts, Jackson College, Jackson, Tenn.

Columbus was selected for the 1945 conclave, war permitting.

The fraternity voted to join with all organizations working for the welfare and rehabilitation of returned veterans of World War II, and commended "those commanders of army camps who are carrying out a policy of non-discrimination on army posts."

Among the features of the convention were a service of tribute honoring men in the armed services; a memorial service for 12 Kappa men who have died in the past year, and the posthumous award of the fraternity's highest citation—the Laurel Wreath—to Dr. C. Leon Wilson, Chicago gynecologist, who died last August after many years' service to the fraternity and the field of medicine.

On the social side, the Kappas were entertained by the Sigma Delta Theta Sorority, the Phi Beta Kappa Fratern-

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Augustus G. Parker, member of the Cleveland City council, was elected national head of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at its 34th Grand chapter meeting held here last week. *1-13-45*

With 104 out of town delegates from 23 states, the District of Columbia, and 34 cities present, the three-day conference was greeted by the Louisville Alumni chapter, of which Dr. H. S. Wilson, professor of chemistry at the Louisville Municipal college, is president.

Among the new officers the organization also honored a local man—Rufus S. Stout, assistant personnel director of the National Carbide company, and formerly instructor of the Jackson Junior high school here. He was elected national vice-president. Other officers elected were: Marvin C. Davis, Morgan college, Baltimore, junior vice-president; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, secretary-treasurer; Robert Scott, Morehouse college, Atlanta, sergeant-at-arms; Leslie Henriques, University of Illinois, assistant sergeant-at-arms; N. Noah Webster, Bristol, Okla., historian. *1-13-45*

Elected to the board of directors were Dr. R. Eugene Clarks, Cincinnati, and Dr. R. L. Jones, Charleston, W. Va., and Robert Potts, Jackson college, Jackson, Tenn.

Columbus was selected for the 1945 conclave, war permitting.

Among the resolutions passed by the Kappas were those calling on the President to end discrimination "of all forms in all branches of the armed forces"; to support legislation for a permanent FEPC, and to direct a new trial for the 50 naval men convicted recently because they refused to load ammunition after the death-dealing explosion in California last July.

National Omega Officers

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Hold Atlanta Conference

2-9-45

National officers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held an important conference at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., Saturday, Feb. 3. Those attending the meeting were: Z. Alexander Looby, of Nashville, grand basileus, presiding; J. H. Calhoun, Jr., Atlanta, vice-grand basileus; C. R. Alexander, Savannah, Ga., grand keeper of records and seal; J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; Nathaniel D. Williams, Memphis, Tenn., editor-in-chief of the Omega Oracle; Benj. F. Wilson, Washington, D. C., member of the Housing Authority; Dr. S. M. Nabrit, Atlanta, Ga., member of the scholarship commission; H. H. Thomas, Atlanta, Ga., former grand basileus, and the following district representatives: A. A. Branch, Memphis, Tenn.; John F. Polts, Columbia, S. C.; Joseph T. Brooks, Montgomery, Ala.; Ulysses S. Donladson, St. Louis, Mo.; F. Rivers Barnwell, Fort Worth, Texas, and Carey Jacobs, Indianapolis, Ind.

Problems and program of the fraternity were discussed, and among the plans adopted were: the appointment of a Veterans Welfare Committee to promote the interests of returning veterans and to work to secure the appointments of Negroes in the policy-making sections of the Veterans Administration, procedures for reviving inactive chapters and members, setting up a Speakers Bureau of facilitate appearances of men of nation prominence before local chapters; arranging itineraries for presentation of artists and speakers by local chapters throughout the country; arrangements of disseminating information on fraternity housing, scholarship awards and veterans' benefits; making definite contributions and support to organizations working on local and national problems facing the Negro, and adoption of a District Achievement Contest to determine the outstanding district in the fraternity for the year.

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Many other problems of the fraternity and local chapters were discussed, with definite recommendations for their solution. The committee will continue to work on recommendations to be made to the Grand Conclave to be held in Washington, D. C., if travel conditions will permit.

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12-13-45
OMEGA FRATERNITY CALLS ON PRESIDENT — WASHINGTON
 D. C. — A delegation from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, headed by its grand Basileus, Z. Alexander Looby of Nashville Tenn., called on President Truman at the White House today, extending an invitation to

the President to address the Fraternity's 32nd Annual Conclave scheduled for Washington, Dec., 27-30. Shown with the President, left to right are: Al Smith, Grand Marshall for the conclave; Lawrence A. Oxley of USES Z. Alexander Looby, the President, Spurgeon

Burke, Basileus of the local graduate chapter Alpha Omega, and Host to the Conclave; Congressman William L. Dawson, Illinois (Alpha Phi Alpha) Frederick S. Weaver, Deputy Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

12-14-45

Phi Delta Kappas Re-elect Mrs. Gertrude A. Robinson

BALTIMORE. Mrs. Gertrude A. Robinson, of Theta Chapter, New York City, was re-elected supreme basileus of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa at its twenty-first annual conclave here, last week.

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Detroit Selected

The 1945 session will be held in Detroit, Mich.

Other officers elected were:

Mrs. Ruby W. Grooms, Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, first anti-basileus; Mrs. Lottie Williams, Mu Chapter, Birmingham, Ala., second anti-basileus; Miss Thelma Parker, Chi Chapter, Detroit, Mich., third anti-basileus;

Miss Marian H. Bluitt, Beta Chapter, Washington, supreme grammateus; Mrs. Mattie Connor, Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, supreme tamias; Miss Bertha Waples, Eta Chapter, Camden, N.J., supreme tamiochias; Miss Lillian Goings, Eta Chapter, Camden, publicity;

Miss Helen E. Harlan, Theta Chapter, New York City, editor of Krinon, and Miss Hilda G. Bryant, Beta Chapter, Washington, national program director.

3 Members-at-Large

Members-at-large are Misses Anna Davidson of Sigma Chapter, Cincinnati; Helen Johns of Alpha Beta Chapter, Nashville, Tenn., and Elizabeth Houston of Alpha Chapter, New York City.

The conclave, which opened on Wednesday, and was held in the Masonic Temple, included in its program an open session and a seminar during which child personality development was discussed.

Following the seminar, pupils of Mrs. Dorothy Waters, of Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, gave a demonstration of emotional reaction of children through song, dance and poetry.

As its national project, the sorority will foster canteen work among teen-agers, and solicit community aid in deterring juvenile delinquency.

Plans Library

Other business items enacted included plans towards establishing a children's library in Liberia; donations of \$100 to the National Council of Negro Women, and \$100 to the NAACP to be used in its fight for equalization of teachers salaries, and the electing of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as an honorary member of the sorority.

The session ended with a closed banquet on Friday evening. Decorations at the small round tables included candles and candlesticks in the sorority design and poinsettias. Tiny perfume bottles in the shape of oranges, placed at each place, were souvenirs from Alpha Gamma Chapter of Jack-

Zetas Re-elect

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Mrs. Harrison

1-13-45

TULSA, Okla.—Mrs. Lullelia W. Harrison of Houston, Tex., was re-elected grand basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at the twenty-fourth annual boule held here, December 27-30.

Other officers elected were:

Juanita Tate, Tulsa, first anti-basileus; Lou Swartz, St. Louis, second anti-basileus; Romaine Brown, Washington, grammateus; Beatrice Mayo, Baltimore, tamias; Irma Thompson, Newport News, Va., tamias-grammateus;

Julia Edingburgh, New Orleans, epistoleus; Nancy Woolridge, Louisville, anti-pokritis; Inez Ricks, Philadelphia, phylacter; Esther Peyton, Washington, chairman of the executive board, and Alpha Moore, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the board of trustees.

\$1000 to College Fund

The purchase of \$2,000 in war bonds and a contribution of \$1000 to the National Negro College Fund were other features of the boule. More than 200 delegates were in attendance at the meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Frances E. Smith.

The sorority plans to continue its membership in the National Council of Negro Women, the National Pan-Hellenic and consideration will be given to the Frederick Douglass Memorial Association.